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Gentlemen:

The draft EIR documents for the CALFED project are lacking in dealing with recreational uses for the Bay/Delta area. Boating in California is an eleven billion dollar industry and hardly achieves any mention in the reports except for negative comments, such as "boating traffic in the delta contributes to the erosion of remaining shallow water, riparian, and wetland habitat along Delta channels..." and that dredging is talked about positively for transferring water through the delta but does not address dredging to keep marinas open and channels for boating.

The implementation objectives, targets, and programmatic actions. Action one would adversely affect boating in the delta because it is not considered to be a beneficial use, however, we must achieve a balance in uses of the bay and delta to include recreation and boating. All of the statements appear to be negative in nature as regards boating and recreation and there is no documentation that the assumptions are true.

Recreation and boating need a lot more consideration before these documents are finalized. The boaters of the State of California are generally hard-working, middle-class, family people who have made boating an important facet of their lives.

Very truly yours,

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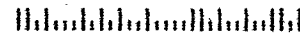
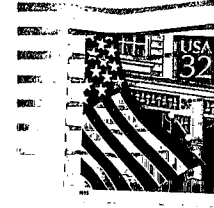


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